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Appl. No. 08/859,353 TC/A.U. 2753

Filed: May 20, 1997 Examiner: K. Lee

For: GAS FLOW CONTROL DEVICE

February 5, 2004

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 8, 2003, kindly enter the
remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

On July 25, 2003, an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in this application. However, an initialed and dated copy of the July 25, 2003 Form PTO-1449 was not returned to the offices of the undersigned with the September 8, 2003 Official Action. Please check the file of the above-identified application and return an initialed and dated copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next Official Communication, so that our file is complete in this regard.

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 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	11	minus highest number			
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